

REMARKS

1. This is the first Preliminary Amendment filed in this application.
2. Claims 1-33 were originally presented in this application. By the foregoing Amendments, all claims have been amended. No claims have been canceled or added. Thus, upon entry of this paper, claims 1-33 will be pending in this application. Of these 33 claims, two (2) claims (claims 1 and 25) are independent.

Amendments to the Specification

3. The specification has been amended to correct grammatical, typographical and other minor errors. Applicants submit herewith as Attachment 1 a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(3).
4. The changes to the specification do not introduce new matter. Accordingly, the substitute specification is compliant with 37 C.F.R. §1.125(b).
5. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.125(c), the substitute specification is in clean form without markings as to amended material. Enclosed as Attachment 2 is a marked-up version of the specification of record showing all changes made to the specification. Further, the paragraphs of the substitute specification are individually numbered with Arabic numerals so that any future amendment to the specification can be made by replacement paragraph in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(1).

Amendments to the Claims

6. Applicants have amended the claims in accordance to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(i).

Listing of Attachments

7. The following documents, referenced above, are provided as attachments to this paper:

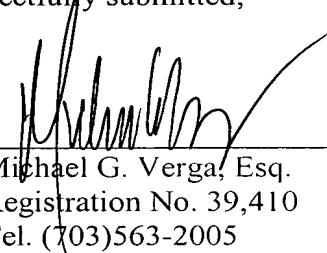
Attachment 1: Substitute Specification

Attachment 2: Marked Up Version of Specification Showing Changes Made

CONCLUSION

8. It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after entering this paper into the record, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's representative at the number provided below.

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